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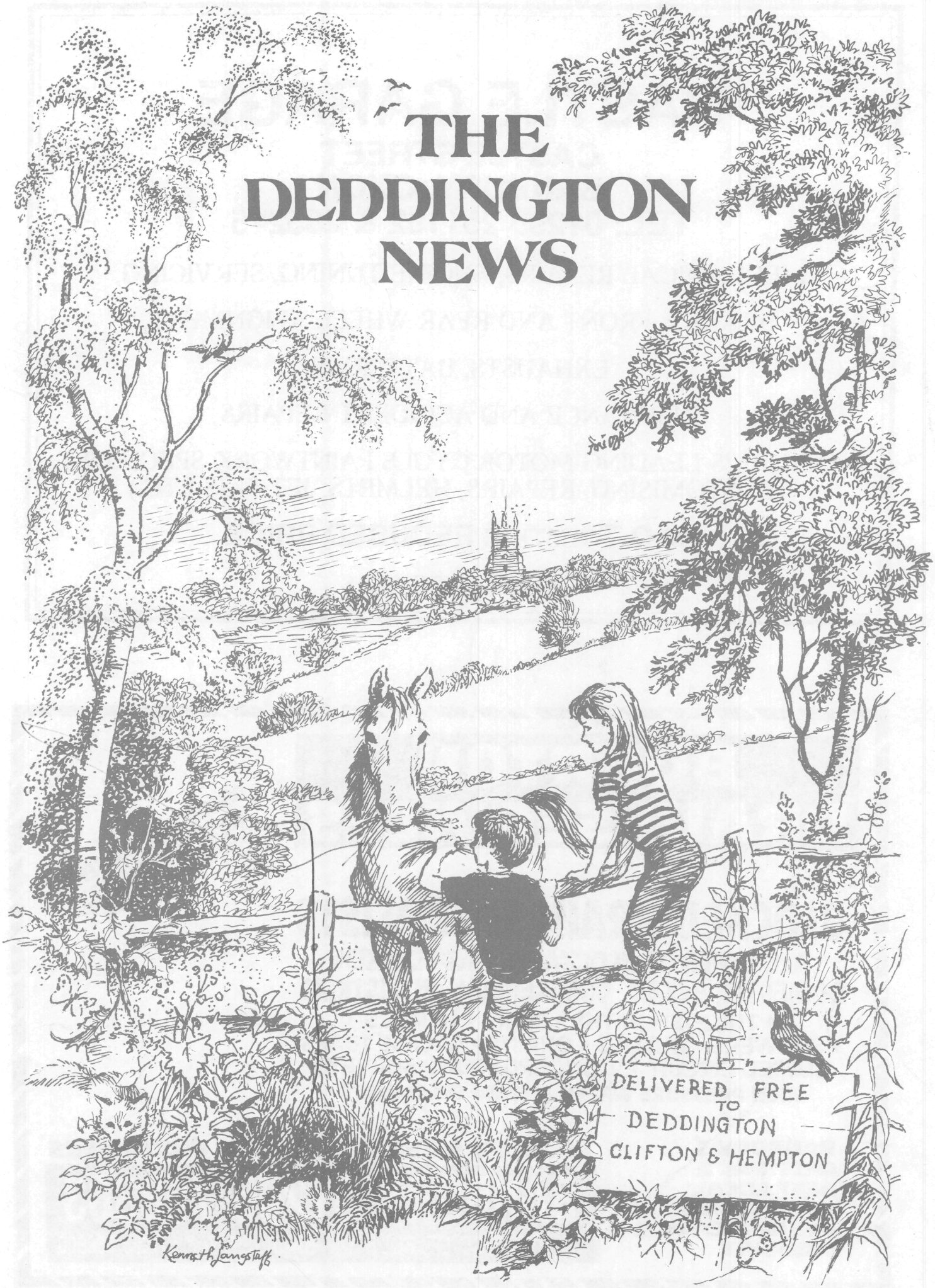

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EDITORIAL

DN Copy Day is like a mini-birthday. The envelopes pile up on my desk, reports lie in wait in the e-mail file, and anticipation mounts as I wonder what new initiatives the parish will have posted this month.

March is no disappointment. Chris Day writes about the possible formation of a local History Society and Geoff Todd about the enthusiastic response to the Friends of Deddington Library meeting. The Youth Club is up and running and the Friendship Club has sprung vigorously from the U3A. Deddington's Gardeners have a busy season ahead of them and Steve Plumbe's Football Club report notes a 30-0 win for Deddington Town - 'a Banbury and District record win'. There was, I hope, an appropriate celebration. Finally, should we be lulled into thinking our village perfect, Jean Perree's letter describes a real cause for concern.

This month's church news spans more than a century. In 1912 Mr. John Whetton (p.6) had been associated with Deddington's Wesleyan Reform Chapel for more than 70 years. 86 years later, the Church of SS Peter and Paul, and the parish generally, offer their good wishes to the Revd. Dr. Edmund Newell and Susan, his wife, as they leave for Oxford.

I sometimes think I know a bit about words. Clearly I know nothing about arithmetic. Bill Ivings has, of course, been ringing for 65 years, not 33, as I wrote in last month's editorial. My apologies to Bill, and to Freda (who has herself been a ringer for 27 years).

Kristin Thompson

Fridays *Coffee mornings in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10-12.*
Fridays *Mother and Toddler Group. Windmill Centre, 9.45 - 11.45 am*
Sundays *British Legion, Bingo at 8 pm.*

MARCH DIARY

Mo 2	Monday Morning Club: Holly Tree, 10 am till noon
Wed 4	Friendship Club: Scrabble afternoon, The Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm..
Wed 4	Deddington Bowls Club Whist Drive, British Legion, 7.30 pm. (p.10)
Wed 4	Deddington Ladies: Holly Tree, 8 - 10 pm.
Fr 6	Women's World Day of Prayer, Congregational Church, 2 pm.
Sat 7	Church Restoration Appeal: Promises Auction at The Windmill Centre, 7 pm.(p.7)
Tu 10	WI; Annual General Meeting, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Wed 11	Deddington Bowls Club Whist Drive, British Legion, 7.30 pm. (p.10)
Th 12	Deddington Gardeners: The Pleasure of Gardens, John Banbury, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. (p.9)
Sat 14	Church Restoration Appeal: Race Night and Raffle Draw at the Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. (p.7)
Sat 14/Sun 15	Waste Paper Skip in School Playground.
Wed 18	Friendship Club : Ploughman's Lunch, with Irish music, Windmill Centre. 1pm. NB earlier meeting.
Wed 18	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Wed 18	WI: Learn the basics of Line-dancing, Holly tree, 7.30 pm. Non-members welcome.
Sat 21	Banbury Symphony Orchestra, Parish Church, 7.30 pm
Sat 21	PTA Quiz Night, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. (p.3)
Tu 24	**COPY DATE FOR APRIL DEDDINGTON NEWS.**
Wed 25	Warriner School Choir, The Parish Church, 7.30 pm.
Wed 25	WI: Skittles at Sturdy's Castle, £7 inc. supper. Friends and family welcome.

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DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Main points of meeting held in the Town Hall, Wednesday, 18 February 1998.

Attended by Cllrs Flux (chair), Brewer, Clarke, Clinch, Cosgrove, Drake, Fisher, Hill, Lee, Oddy, Swash, Todd, D/Cllr O'Sullivan, the Clerk David Blakey, and 3 parishioners.

WELCOME BACK

The Chairman welcomed the return, after illness, of D/Cllr O'Sullivan and regular attenders Mr & Mrs E E Pearson.

LOW COST HOUSING

Planning application by Oxford Citizens Housing Association, for 23 dwellings and associated parking on land west of Windmill Street and Mackley Close, has been revised. Additional first-floor windows will improve sightlines to, and supervision of, the children's play area, which has been repositioned away from the main road. PC will do all possible to speed progress.

DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Cllr Todd reported on meetings of the District Council's MALL Committee and of Friends of Deddington Library. [SEE FULL REPORT ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE - NCS]

BLOOMS AND BOXES

PC resolved to take part in

- National Spring Clean Month (April)
- Best Kept Village (May)
- Thames & Chilterns In Bloom (July-August)

£250 was voted to pay for hanging baskets and planters. In encouraging the whole community to make a special effort, PC noted that judges seem to like tidy verges and lots of window boxes.

SCOOP THAT POOP

Dog fouling is again becoming a problem, especially at the Windmill Centre. [AND THE MARKET PLACE, TAY'S PASSAGE AND ELSEWHERE - NCS] Dog Warden to be alerted. Owners who persistently offend are liable to be prosecuted.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Bark chippings have now been spread on the Clifton play area.
- CDC will provide £2,395 to make up full amount needed to maintain Gaveston Gardens open space. Clerk commended for his initiative.
- OCC will add extra soil to improve grass banks outside Almshouses.
- Integration of Horton and Oxford Radcliffe Hospital Trusts to take place on 1 April 1998.
- Installation of 6 posts to protect Goose Green from encroaching vehicles will proceed, residents offering to pay for 2 additional posts.

CHAPEL SQUARE/ PHILCOTE STREET

After an on-site meeting, OCC undertook to reduce the newly extended pavement by 12" and to provide an additional warning sign near Featherton House. PC will continue to monitor traffic jams and other problems. If the alleged improvements are not helping, they should be removed.

PLANNING

PC had no objection to applications for

1. County View, Clifton - replacement of shed:
2. amendments to farmhouse at Hempton:
3. Russell House - demolish greenhouse and install porch: 4. further amendments at Walnut Close, Clifton and St John's Way Hempton.

CDC has approved 1. Acorn Stores - extension: 2. Castle End - internal alterations 3. Pretoria House - changes to shop front and side window. Application for new garage at Castle End has been withdrawn.

A BROWNFIELD FAR AWAY

PC accepts that development of 5,000 dwellings at Upper Heyford is preferable to piecemeal developments in the villages. Brownfield development should generally take precedence over greenfield.

WINDMILL CENTRE

1. Refrigerator and cooker to be replaced.
2. Estimates awaited for repairs to roof.
3. Vandalism is on the increase: police alerted.

INVESTMENT OF PARISH FUNDS

Total £576,753.18, of which £450,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 7.6%; £100,000 Treasury @ 6.8125%; £20,085.05 on 14 days @ 4.875%; £6,668.13 @ 3.125% overnight. PC decided to transfer £50,000 from Treasury Stock to Bradford & Bingley.

NEXT MEETING 18 March 7.30pm Town Hall.

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SOME IMPORTANT DATES

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	Wed 20 April
PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS	Thurs 7 May
PARISH COUNCIL AGM	Wed 20 May

Full details in next issue of *The News*, to be distributed from 2 April 1998.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Some of the longest-serving parish councillors are standing down in May. We should all be grateful to them for their work on behalf of the community. Who will replace them? Why not consider standing for election yourself? To find out more about what being a parish councillor entails, talk to Jim Flux 338153 or David Blakey 337447.

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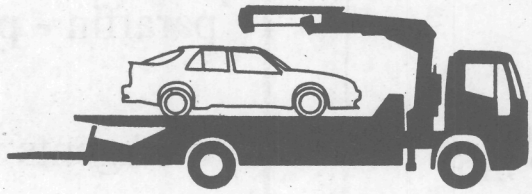

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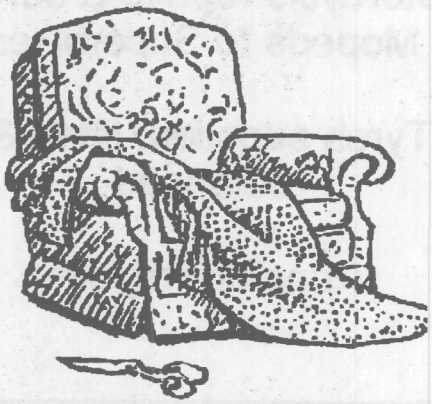

NEWS FROM SCHOOL

There was some unexpected excitement at the end of January when the school's heating system sprang a leak. It was one of the coldest days of the year. Conditions inside the building were totally unsuitable for teaching or learning and the school had to be closed. Round-the-clock engineering work ensured that we were back to acceptable temperatures the next day.
Our older children have been making a study of Deddington this term, comparing our village with Banbury. A number of local businesses, including Acorn Stores, Featherton House, the Deddington Arms and the Holcombe Hotel have welcomed the children with their clipboards and questions. This support is appreciated. We have also made trips to Tesco to see 'behind the scenes'.
Our football team's good run came to an end in the Quarter-Final of the Banbury Area Cup, when we were defeated 5-1 by Bloxham Primary. In an exciting match with our near-neighbours from Adderbury, we beat Christopher Rawlins School by 4-2. Our netball team maintained their unbeaten record with a 16-5 win against Adderbury.
Finally, you might like to visit our website on the Internet. It can be found at:
http://www.rmplc.co.uk/eduweb/sites/deddington.school PETER GORINGE

..... AND FROM THE PTA

Quiz Night will be Saturday March 21st (not March 28th as previously stated) at the Windmill Centre and will start at 7.30p.m. prompt. Tickets are £3.50 and include supper. Available from any PTA member or from school. Why not get your friends and family together and come along and join us for a really good fun evening. A prize to the team with the best name on the night.
Your support is much appreciated on these occasions.. it makes all the hard work worthwhile when we are able to raise much needed money for the School.Thank you. LORRAINE THORNTON 337471

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? A DEDDINGTON HISTORY SOCIETY ?

How about setting up a Deddington History Society ? Last autumn we ran a successful course at the Windmill Centre devoted to the history of the Deddington area. We agreed that we would like to see a permanent local history society in the parish, offering people the chance to meet together perhaps once a month to hear expert talks on topics of local interest. Some of us might also form small working groups to carry out research.
Anyone interested is invited to an inaugural meeting at the **Holly Tree Club on Wednesday April 15 at 7.30 p.m**. If you like the idea of such a society in the parish but cannot make the meeting, please get in touch with **Chris Day, 37 Gaveston Gardens, tel: 337204; e-mail: christopher.day@conted.ox.ac.uk**

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Voluntary help required by the Youth Club on Monday evenings from 7.30 p.m. - 9 30 p.m. Rota system. If interested phone Gay Brewer: 338097.

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Sainsbury's School Rewards '98. The Scheme runs from February 9 to May 16. It's not too late to fill in your card, earn points and support your local schools.

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KATE WILSON is still looking for sponsors for her London Marathon Run in aid of Leukemia CARE. Sponsorship form is in the Post Office.

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March Services.

Sun 1 10.30am Service for all ages with Holy Communion. Joanna Cox and the Deddington Ballet School will give a performance.
Wed 4 10am Holy Communion.
Thu 5 2pm Squeals and Wheels Pram and Toddlers' Service.
8pm Lenten meeting ("Religion and Literature") followed by a short act of worship.
Sun 8 10.30am Sung Eucharist - theme: Jesus in Nazareth..
Wed 11 10am Holy Communion.
Thu 12 8pm Lenten meeting ("Liturgy and Drama") followed by a short act of worship.
Sun 15 8am Holy Communion (BCP). 10.30am Sung Mattins (BCP) - theme: Jesus in Caesarea -Philippi .
Wed 18 10am Holy Communion.
Thu 19 Lenten meeting ("Religion and Dance") followed by a short act of worship.
Sun 22 Mothering Sunday 10.30am Special Mothering Sunday Service and Holy Communion. There will be a presentation by pupils from the Primary School.
Wed 25 10am Holy Communion followed by Service of Healing.
Thu 26 8pm Lenten meeting ("Religion and Painting") followed by a short act of worship.
Sun 29 10.30am Sung Eucharist - theme: Jesus in Bethany.
Wed April 1 10am Holy Communion.
Thu April 2 2pm Squeals and Wheels Pram and Toddlers' Service.
8pm Lenten meeting ("Religion and Music") followed by a short act of worship.
Sun April 5 Palm Sunday 10.30am Palm Sunday Service and Holy Communion.

March Services (St John, Hempton).
Sun 1 & 15 9am Eucharist. **Sun 22** Evensong (BCP). **Sun April 5** 9am Eucharist.

Lenten Meetings will take place each Thursday evening in SS Peter and Paul Church at 8pm. Members of all Christian denominations (or none) are welcome to attend. The general theme is "Our Journey to God" - assisted by painters, musicians, dancers and actors. Each meeting will begin with a talk by a distinguished speaker. There will be time for comment and questions and then a short act of worship, ending about 9pm. Speakers will be:
March 5 "Religion and Literature" by Prof Valentine Cunningham, Prof of English at Oxford University.
March 12 "Liturgy and Drama" by Dr Paul Ranger, theatrical producer.
March 19 "Religion and Dance" by Candy Mayor, National Co-ordinator of the Christian Dance Fellowship.
March 26 "Religion and Painting" by Sir Alan Goodison, KCMG, CVO, formerly British Ambassador in Dublin.
April 2 "Religion and Music" by Dr James Carpenter, Director of Music at New Road Baptist Church, Oxford.
Children's Church (4- 9 years) will meet in church at 10.30am on March 1 and in Deddington Town Hall on March 8 and 15. They will attend the Mothering Sunday Service in Church at 10.30am on March 22 and meet in Town Hall on March 29. There is room for more children. Contact Gill Coyle (345256) or the Vicar - or just turn up.
Bible Study Group will meet on Monday 9 March at 2pm in 15 Grove Court (Mrs Ridd).
Youth Fellowship Sunday March 8 7.30 - 9pm. Teenagers are welcome to attend a special Youth Event in Hook Norton Baptist Church Hall. Further details from the Vicar.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:
FUNERAL: 4 February in Deddington Church - PHYLLIS ALLEN TOMLINSON, aged 90 years.
KEN REEVES (Vicar) 338329 and EDMUND NEWELL (Curate) 338988
NB Edmund will not be available after March 8. (We will all miss you, Ed! E.T.)

DEDDINGTON WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

We would welcome you to any of the following services held at 10.30am OR at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings to share fellowship and Bible Study at Cromwell House, Market Place.
Services in March: Sun 1 , 8 & 15 - Pastor I. Walton.
Sun 22 - Mike Graveny. **Sun 29** - Pastor I. Walton. Pastor ISSY WALTON (337157).

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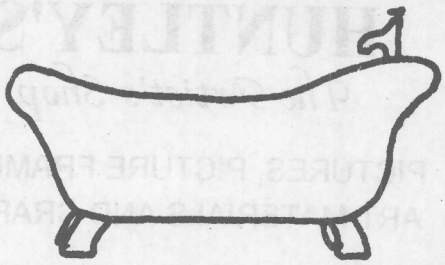
Sunday evening worship 6pm. Preachers as follows:
February Services: Sun 1 - Rev Albert Fox (Communion). **Sun 8** - Mr. John Neal (Warmington).
Sun 15 - Mr G. Keen (Ardley) **Sun 22** - Mr. H.W. Puttick (Iffley). **Sun 29** - Mr John Hine (Kirtlington).
Sun April 5 - Miss Eva Welby (Preston Bisset). Rev ALBERT FOX (345339).



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Parish Priest: Rev A. J. BURNS (277396)

INTER-CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

Friday 6 March 2pm Women's World Day of Prayer at the Congregational Church. Speaker, Miss Eva Welby.
Monday 16 March 7.45pm Ecumenical Prayer Group at Cromwell House, Market Place.

TRIBUTES:

PHYLLIS ALLEN TOMLINSON aged 90 years.

Phyl will be remembered with great affection by her friends and neighbours in the Grove, and others in Deddington, as a charming and elegant lady and a generous hostess. Phyl spent much of her life caring for others, including working as a school matron. We give thanks for her life and extend our deepest sympathy to her daughter Chrissie and family. EDMUND NEWELL.

FR. JOHN SCOTT GIBB aged 77 years.

We regret to announce the death of Fr. John Gibb, priest of the Roman Catholic parish of Hethe with Adderbury between 1987 and 1996, when he retired due to ill health.
Fr John was educated at Winchester (where he converted to Roman Catholicism) and Oxford. He then joined the Diplomatic Corps with postings including Cairo and Moscow. During the 1960s he studied for the priesthood at the Institut Catholique in Paris, where he was a contemporary of the present Archbishop of Birmingham who celebrated his Requiem Mass at Hethe on 18 February. ELIZABETH TOTHILL

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The Revd. Dr. Edmund Newell

We shall say 'farewell' to Edmund and his wife, Susan, on Friday March 6th in the Windmill Centre at 8 p.m. A presentation will be made as a token of our appreciation for Edmund's contribution to the life and work of the church in the Parish of Deddington and the support given to him by Susan.
Edmund has been with us as Curate since June 1994. He has officiated at services with dignity and shared effectively in the wide range of pastoral work. He will be remembered also for the part he has played in organising concerts and producing the album 'Raise The Roof' in support of Deddington Church Restoration Appeal.
Our thoughts and prayers will be with him as he becomes Chaplain to the Bishop of Oxford on April 1st. This post involves management of the Bishop's office and supporting him in his work in the diocese, in the House of Lords and in connection with other national and international organisations.

(Revd.) Ken Reeves Vicar

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ON THE FARM

The spring beans were planted on St. Valentine's day and the old saying 'Don't cast a clout until May is out' (a clout is an old word for a coat) seems out of place when with the temperatures in the low 60s and the heat from the tractor, I had to switch on the air conditioning unit to keep the cab cool! No doubt we'll pay for it yet. The bees are flying to gather pollen from the early flowers; a good sign that the queens have laid or are about to start. I hope the weather will not turn cold and make life difficult for them. At the time of writing the ewes are some 7 to 10 days away from lambing and as usual a few problems are starting to show up: one or two premature births and the odd case of pregnancy toxaemia (low blood sugar levels or hypoglycaemia). The ewes are fed on a high protein sheep cake but some will not eat it or they get pushed out of the feed manger, especially the younger ones, and this can result in pregnancy toxaemia.

Despite the weather man telling us that we may be faced with water restrictions next summer, we have had a very wet winter and some of the wheat crops are going off (yellow) because they have 'wet feet' for the first time. This year we have had to use a light-weight sprayer towed behind the farm bike to try and get the spraying finished but even that got stuck so we shall have to wait until the ground dries out. But by then the weeds will be bigger and will need something stronger to kill them at double the cost! Oh well, that's the cash flow budget out the window (so what's new?).

GEORGE FENEMORE

(The extract below comes from Donald Welford's collection of family papers. John Whetton was Donald's maternal great great grandfather.)

Extract from 'Oxford Times' 9th November 1912

"VETERAN PREACHER - The 'Oxford Journal Illustrated' had in its issue of October 30th last, a photograph of Mr. John Whetton, standing on the steps of the Wesleyan Reform Chapel. Mr. Whetton is in his 82nd year, and has been closely associated with the chapel for more than 70 years, having passed through the grades of a scholar in the Sunday School classes, and as time proceeded, he became a teacher, and later superintendent of the school, finally a preacher. In addition to the latter office, Mr. Whetton holds the position of president and treasurer of the Deddington circuit of the Wesleyan Reform Union, and amongst his many duties he has the compiling of the 'Preachers' Plan', which is issued every three months. Mr. Whetton has been a local preacher for 58 years, having preached about 3,000 times, and recently for 8 successive Sundays, three of the occasions being for harvest thanksgiving services, and he will deliver a discourse at his own chapel on Sunday next. He has travelled to appointments more than 12,000 miles. This is certainly a wonderful record. In addition to his religious duties, Mr. Whetton held the office of sub-postmaster for 37½ years, retiring without pension in 1904. He still holds the office of tax-collector, and has done so for some 54 years, having during that time paid into the Inland Revenue Exchequer about £25,000, and at the present time on week days he may be seen assisting his grandson, Mr. H. Whetton, in the duties of newsagent, bookseller and stationer."

GARDENING NOTES

You live and learn. I always thought of ground-cover as a nice easy way to dodge weeding but over the years I've had to change my mind. There is a variety of plants which could be used: Comfry, Bugle, Dead Nettle, Ivies and some adventurous gardeners use creeping Clematis and even low-growing roses. What you require is cover, dense and quick before anything else can get there. But of course that is the snag. I planted Dead Nettle some years ago and it did cover the ground, but also climbed up all the other plants near it and rooted determinedly wherever its long trailing shoots touched a bit of soil. It's a brute to get out and cut back and doesn't even look particularly good. Bugle has an attractive dark red variety, too dark to show up against the soil. So I'm coming round to the idea (and don't remind me that the Parks Department thought it up years ago) of shredded bark. The ground has to be reasonably weed-free for a start and the three or more inches of bark are going to cost, but that's what I have in mind for the next patch to be replanted.

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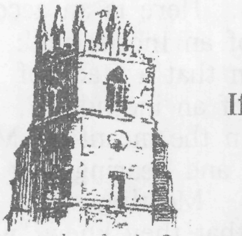

APPEAL REPORT - MARCH, 1998

If you haven't already been approached about making a donation to the Appeal, you will have received an Appeal leaflet through your letterbox recently. We have achieved a great deal in the last few months. The Appeal Fund total of moneys donated, promised and covenanted has now reached £133,541. It would be marvellous if we could reach the target figure with help from you all. There's a full programme of events to look forward to.

WHAT'S ON

Sat. March 7th: Promises Auction at the Windmill Centre 7 p.m. Tickets (£3) from The Country Store.
Sat. March 14th: Grand Race Night at the Windmill Centre, 7.30pm. (see below).
Sat. March 29th: Barry Pratt, who lives in Deddington, and his Danish partners, Tove Flensborg and Per G. Hansen, will be playing their mandolins for your pleasure, with a concert of original works spanning three centuries, in the Church at 8 p.m. Tickets £5 (£2.50 concessions) from 01869 337021 or at the door.
Sat, April 18th: Organ Recital by Alex Soddy in the Congregational Church at 7.30 p.m.
Sat. April 25th: Lace Day in the Parish Church, 10a.m - 4p.m. Visitors welcome.
Sun. May 10th: Choral concert in the Church, 8 p.m.
Mon. May 25th: The 10km. Fun Run has been rescheduled. The finish will be at the Windmill Centre as part of the annual Open Day.
Watch this space. There's more to come in the summer.

JEAN FLUX 338153

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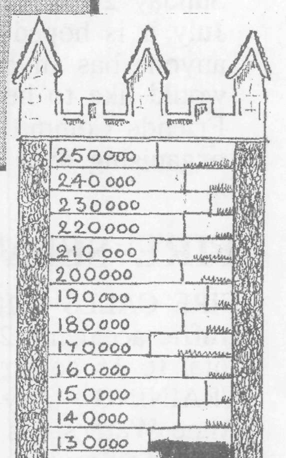

This is your chance to help ensure that our Church can have the important repairs carried out that will safeguard it for future generations. Raffle tickets are now on sale at £1a book from Josie Stevens, Angela Sones, Pat Brittain, myself and on the Race Night. The First Prize is: *Theatre Tickets & a Dinner for Two.*

The **Race Night** will consist of nine races, Flat and Over the Sticks. Food is included in the £5 race card purchased on entry (or beforehand from me: 338711). There will be a licensed bar selling wine, beer and soft drinks at modest prices to help make this a fun evening.
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Sat. March 14th is the date. Please support this special evening and help save our Church. (Yes, it is that serious.) TERRY CLINCH 338711

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THE WAY WE WERE

by Buffy Heywood

There are no entries in the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for March 1848. Here is an account from Jackson's Oxford Journal on 10 October 1863 entitled 'Clever Capture of an Incendiary': "On the 1st instant information was received at the Deddington Police Station that a stack of barley at Middle Aston was on fire, and that it was supposed to be the act of an incendiary, who was suspected to be then on the road travelling towards Deddington. In the meantime Mr. Chas. Churchill, grocer and butcher of this town, was going out in his cart, and hearing that a rick was on fire near the Oxford road, proceeded towards the spot indicated. Meeting some tramps, he asked them where the fire was. They told him, and also stated that they knew "who did it", describing the man. Going some distance further on, he met a man answering the description, and made a similar enquiry of him. He replied that there was no fire that he knew of. Mr. Churchill asked him which way he came. He said from Oxford. Believing from his evasive manner that he was the very person who had committed the act, Mr. Churchill resolved to dissemble with him in order to procure his apprehension without trouble, and therefore affected to believe his statement, remarking that if there really was no fire he need not go any further, and turned back, offering to give him a ride as far as Deddington. Thinking all was right, the fellow gladly jumped up, and they had not gone far before they came up with the parties Mr. Churchill had previously met, when they at once pointed him out as the man who had fired the rick. Mr. Churchill still pretended to disbelieve the statement, and said, as they were going the same way, they might as well get up and ride together, which they did; and were very shortly afterwards met by the inspector of police and two constables, into whose custody he delivered the whole party; thus by one clever stroke effecting the capture of both criminal and witnesses."

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Friends of Hempton Church annual subscriptions are now due and should be paid to John Temple-Smith at Jeffcoates. It only costs £1.00 to be a member and anyone wishing to join will be most welcome. The Friends are hoping to organise several events over the coming year as follows : Saturday 9 May: wine tasting evening presented by S.H. Jones, Wine Merchants of Banbury. Tickets £10 per head limited to 50, time 7.30pm - 8.00pm. Sunday 21 June: Treasure hunt on foot. More details later. On the weekend of 11/12 July it is hoped to put on an exhibition of wedding memorabilia from years gone by. If anyone has anything suitable to display - wedding dresses etc., Pam Dodd at The Stores would like to hear from them. Mr. Michael Freeman has had to stand down from the Friends Committee due to business commitments. Our thanks go to him for all his organising over the last few years.

LES CHAPPELL 338054

FIRE SERVICE

FIRE CALLS - 13 calls received since last putting pen to paper: 4 chimney fires; 1 road traffic accident; 2 car fires; 1 house fire; 5 calls to stand by at other stations, bringing the total to 15 so far.

TRAINING - Ray Bates and Rachel Lewis have both passed their 7 months probation test. Anne Waters has passed her driving test to drive the appliance and Martin Freeman and Peter Taylor successfully completed their basic training course. Well done to them all.

At the moment we are in desperate need of an old vehicle to use for road traffic accident training, using our hydraulic cutting gear and jacks. The vehicle doesn't have to have an engine in, just a shell would do. If anyone has anything suitable, please ring me.

ALBERT HUMPHRIES 338943

DEDDINGTON DAY CARE

About ten people enjoy the Deddington Day Care group every Thursday at the Windmill Centre. I must thank Deddington Football Club and the Deddington Arms who both gave a donation to the group. I am sure the money will be put to good use in the near future. Plans are already in the making for some small outings later in the year.

The A.G.M. is on June 3. I hope that many of you will attend to find out how the group is run and organised. If anyone would like further information or knows of anyone who might benefit from attending the group, please contact: Dawn Downing 01869 338164. KATH MORRIS 338413

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BROWNIES

There has not been any news from us for some months, but we are still thriving! At present we have 21 Brownies, so there are a few spaces if any girl aged over seven would like to join. We meet on Tuesdays at the Windmill Centre.

One of the highlights last term was the overnight stay at the Science Museum. Seven Brownies, myself and two others took the train up to London, joined in the activities of the special children's night at the museum, slept on the floor amongst the exhibits, together with about 350 other participants, and left exhausted about 11am next morning. The theme was the senses; everybody made a camera obscura to take home with them amongst other exciting happenings. All seven Brownies who came gained their World Traveller badge using the visit for some of the clauses.

Those interested in taking their Walking badge came on a walk with Moira and me one Saturday afternoon in late September: everybody was happy including the dog! After half term we concentrated on organising our party for our Brownie mothers at the Windmill Centre during our last meeting of the term. We provided entertainment, food, decorations, and a present of a crocus bulb in a pot planted and decorated by each Brownie

This term Anna Teare and Anna McGovern have joined us. We are concentrating on safety. The older Brownies are taking their First Aid badge taught by Maggie and Alan Rampley, and the rest are working on the Safety-in-the-Home badge. Once again I would like to thank Moira Byast for her invaluable help, and also Stella Taylor who has come regularly since the beginning of last term. I would not be able to manage without their help and encouragement. **VIVIEN PLEYDELL-BOUVERIE 338269**

DEDDINGTON YOUTH CLUB

The recent return of the Youth Club has been a hit with the local kids. If you're interested in coming along it is every Monday, 7.30-9.30pm at the Windmill Centre, cost £1 per night, membership £1 per person (ages 11-16). The low cost has meant large turnouts so anybody keen to volunteer as a helper would be *very* welcome. For this or any other queries please contact Fiona Irvine (347643) or Matt Smith (337307) **MATT BLISS**

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS

We had a good meeting on January 29 when, in a relaxed wine-influenced atmosphere, we made a lot of plans, so please watch this space. On Thurs. March 12 at 7.30pm John Banbury of Woodstock, a professional gardener, is coming to the Holly Tree Club to give an illustrated talk, *The Pleasure of Gardens,* to inspire us for the coming season. Admission £1. Do come, he is highly recommended. During the summer we plan to visit the Spring Show at Malvern (Fri. May 8, tickets £7.50 + coach), enjoy two private gardens opened specially for us (details next month) and do our bit for the Restoration Appeal (Christine Blentoft is opening her garden with teas, plant stall and jazz band on Sun. June 28). If you have not received your new membership card, please phone Marianne Elsley (338251) and don't forget the Goundrey discounts - Betty Hill and I have details. **N.B.** Please let me know by the end of March if you would like to come to the Malvern Show. **ELIZABETH TOTHILL 338186**

DEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB

A great deal of activity has taken place during the winter in preparation for the new season. The Club is in the process of applying for a lottery grant for improved facilities and equipment to benefit both senior and junior club members. Indoor nets begin at Spiceball Centre at 10.30am on Sun. March 1 until April 27. If you would like to come or to join the Cricket Club please contact me. **MARK RYLAND 338261**

DEDDINGTON JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

Deddington will be "fielding" their own Junior Cricket Team this season. The Club have invested in training three coaches who will be attending pre-season net practice beginning Sun. March 1 at 10.30am at the Spiceball Centre. There will be two age groups: Under 16s and Under 13s. If you would like to take part please contact Geoff Duggan on 01868-338827. We very much look forward to hearing from you. **J. CHAPMAN**

DEDDINGTON PLAYERS

The Oxford Touring company production *Narrow Boat to the Wide World* at the Windmill Centre in February attracted a sufficient but still rather small audience. Do mark Sat. March 28 in your diaries. The Bash Street Theatre Company will be performing their version of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame,* which promises to be highly interesting and innovative. There is a workshop of circus skills for over 10s between 10am-noon the same day. Do support them both. We are privileged to have professional entertainment delivered to our doorstep, so to speak. For further details see p.14 **JEAN FLUX 338153**

CALLING ALL CLUBS contd.

DEDDINGTON BEECHES BOWLS

We entertained Lower Heyford at Banbury's Woodgreen Hall on February 7, Beeches winning by two shots, 54-52. Honours go to Roy Kinch with Pauline Parr, sub George Busby and Jan Boyt who won 22-7 and Albert Humphreys with Edwina Kinch, John Clifford and Derek Robinson who won 13-9. Grace Plester with Cliff Bond, Len Hudson and Terry Hooley with guest John Blade, Gwen Bond and Sam Keys were always behind and finally beaten 18-8. Our next indoor match is on March 21 also at Woodgreen starting at 6.15pm. Names to Terry Hooley on 01295-788618 as soon as possible please.
There are two more whist drives in our Winter programme at the Legion Club on Weds. March 11 and April 8, starting at 7.30pm prompt. These have proved very popular but it would be nice to see a few more players. The atmosphere is warm and friendly, the hospitality unrivalled. **JOHN CLIFFORD 340564**

THE MONDAY MORNING CLUB

Our February visit to *The Yeoman of the Guard* by the Banbury Amateur Operatic Society was very enjoyable. An additional pleasure was recognising, in a new setting, some familiar faces who have sung in Deddington Church. Our next trip will be to Stratford on April 1 to see *Bartholomew Fair*. **JEAN FLUX**

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

1st Team results

Charlton(a)	Won 5-0	
Northern Lights(a)	Won 30-0!	T.Chatterton (9), M.Cadd (4), M.Hewitt, G.Pinfold (3), G.Shaw (2), G.Smith (2), J.Coleman (3), C.Hill (6)
Bodicote Sports(h) (Charity Cup)	Lost 1-5	C.Hill

A record breaking month for the 1st Team with the incredible 30-0 victory over Northern Lights making a Banbury and District record win. With the equally important win against Charlton, the Side keeps 2nd place in Division 1, but with games in hand over the leading club. Chris Hill is currently leading scorer with 28 goals.

Reserve team results

Middleton Cheney(h)	Won 2-0	P.Waller, W.Cheeseman
Chipping Norton(h)	Lost 1-3	W. Cheeseman
Bloxham Res(h)	Won 2-1	D.Keys, M. Howells
Barford Res(a) (Cave Cup)	Lost 3-4	P.Gibbs, M.Simons, M.Howells.

A much improved month for the Reserve side. The outstanding result of the Season so far came against table-topping Bloxham Res. These wins have lifted the team to 3rd from bottom in Division 2. If this improvement continues a mid-table finish may not be out of reach. **STEVE PLUMBE 01295 278258**

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Two successful meetings were held in February. The first was an enjoyable social get-together at which the bones of the Spring programme were organised, and the second provided a hilarious game of Card Bingo. An innovation will be a Ploughman's Lunch, held on March 18 at 1pm, accompanied by some Irish music to mark St Patrick's Day. For regular meetings the format will consist of an hour on the named activity, followed by refreshments and general chat. The new Chairman, Mrs Christine Gillespie, hopes the programme will have wide appeal and invites you to join the Group at the Windmill Centre (Sun Lounge) at 2.30pm alternate Wednesdays. She would welcome programme ideas for inclusion later in the year. **PAT BRITTAIN 338685**

DEDDINGTON GUIDES

The meetings go so quickly, our problem is fitting everything in! The Patrols have enjoyed a variety of their own planned activities. They are also working towards agility and fitness badges. The agility badge in particular has been the source of a lot of fun involving leapfrog, balancing feats and various ball skills. The guides could not wait until the summer to put a tent up so we practised one evening in January - indoors! It brought back all the happy memories of camp. Not long to wait now until we can go again. The Guides wanted to find out about otters and Mr Reg Tipping from the otter conservation group came to tell us of all the work being done to encourage otters back to Oxfordshire. Thank you Mr. Tipping. We have also learnt about mouth to mouth resuscitation in a training session - our thanks to Mr. Alan Rampley. Coming up soon: a hike, a church service shared with Guides and Brownies in the District, and lots of international activities. There is also a rumour of a remake of *Oliver*!

MAGGIE RAMPLEY 01295-810069

DEDDINGTON W. I.

On February 10 Mrs. J.Stilgoe gave us an interesting talk, accompanied by excellent slides, of her time spent with the Flying Doctor Service in Zambia. Future events include: visit to Kew Gardens, May 19, £7 excluding entrance fee. If you are interested contact Mrs. Shirley Gibbs 338784. Would you like to know more about Line-dancing? Come along and learn the basics on Wed. March 18 at the Holly Tree, 7.30pm: 50p. including refreshments; non-WI members welcomed. On March 25, we have Skittles at Sturdy's Castle, £7 inc. supper; friends and family welcomed. **RENE MAHONY 338438**

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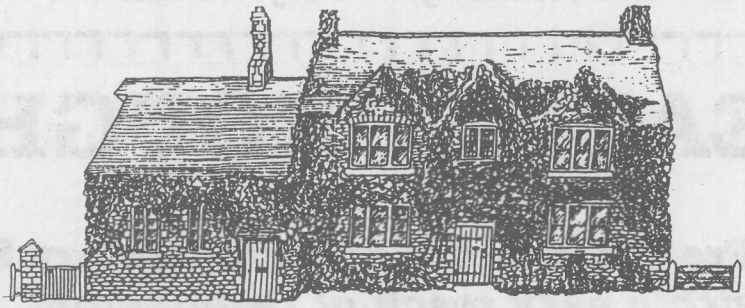

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Our thanks to Peter Goringe for sparing us space in the School entrance hall for our first Daeda's Wood display, showing the development of the wood from original field of barley to the present day. It also gives a small idea of what it could look like in a thousand years' time. Later we shall move to other venues and the display will expand as the wood develops. Sylvie Spenceley 338995

DEDDINGTON MAP GROUP

Our appeal for photographs produced a lot of interesting and useful material. Many thanks to all who helped. By now, your pictures should have been returned to you. If not, please ring me on 338019

DOCUMENTS WANTED

Now we are focusing on documents, especially hand-written ones - deeds, bills of sale, land transfers, indentures, rent books, contracts, whatever. If you have a document that tells us something about life in Deddington, Clifton or Hempton, we would like to know about it. Please help us. NORMAN STONE 338019

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TINNITUS is the word used to describe the sensation of hearing a noise in the absence of any external sound. For many people this noise exists as a ringing sound, while others may experience hissing, humming, droning or throbbing noises. It can be related to a number of factors such as hearing disorders associated with ageing, noise exposure, emotional upset or illness.
CDC is asking if there is need in the area for a tinnitus self-help group to whom they could offer practical help such as meeting rooms, information technology and leaflet distribution.
Further information from: Philip Durrell, Technical Officer, Bodicote House on ext. 4506

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COUNCIL INVITES PARTICIPATION AND CONSULTATION ON THE PLANNING OF UPPER HEYFORD

The former US base at Upper Heyford is designated for a new settlement of about one thousand houses in the Draft Oxfordshire County Structure Plan which also requires a comprehensive planning brief to be prepared for the whole site. CDC is issuing a discussion document that sets out a suggested list of broad principles about how the site should be reclaimed and how the new settlement should be designed. For further information contact: Linda Rand, Planning Officer, Bodicote House on ext. 4046

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FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM JEAN WELFORD, BOULDERDYKE HOUSE, CLIFTON

A very big Thank You to all those who showed me such concern and support aftermy accident on Christmas Eve. It has been a tremendous help to know that I have so many caring friends, and I am pleased to say that I am well on the way to recovery. Thank you again.

FROM JEAN M PERREE, CHAPEL CLOSE, CLIFTON

Readers of the Deddington News may be interested in a summary of my recent letter to the Parish Council about the new traffic controls in Chapel Square. "The fact that the new pinch points in Chapel Square were introduced without any consultation with the Parish Council, prompts the question about who asked for the measures taken and who authorised the work. The new points increase hazards for both drivers and pedestrians and seem to have been designed by someone without local traffic knowledge. The layout now facilitates traffic jams, particularly when drivers legally entitled to priority cannot move and drivers from the opposite side who have no right of way,in effect controlling the flow and freeing the logjam by deciding when and how to move.A further hazard lies in the possibility of access to Philcote Street being blocked, and the matter is made worse when a 'convoy' of cars crawling or stopped includes a coach. If this pinch-point has to remain, the only safe method is to shift the priority to the traffic from the Clifton side. A further hazard might arise when traffic stationary at the top of Philcote Street waiting to turn left, meets traffic waiting to turn right into Philcote Street. The new pinch point helps to block the space for passing as the rest of the square is quite lawfully filled up with parked cars".I can only hope that other people sharing my concern will also have written to the Clerk to the Parish Council.

FROM K. GRIFFIN, WYCHWAY HOUSE, BULL RING

I want to say how much I like Kenneth Langstaff's new cover for the 1998 Deddington News. The detail is beautiful, with all the various animals and plants. He's really captured the spirit of the place. Ken is a true artist and we are very lucky to have his work for our magazine.

FROM JULIE, STEVE & ANNA WESTLEY, PHILCOTE STREET

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone living in and using Philcote Street, for their patience and support during our recent building works - particularly our immediate neighbours. Thanks also to our several and superb landlords - Pete and Elaine Cosford, Mike and Sue O'Brian, John and Sue Parkinson for all their help and kindness.

Extracts from an e-mail from: DuncanSwallow@compuserve.com to: nickels@daeda.u-net.com

Hello. My wife and I have just spent a great day/night in Deddington and picked up your flyer. We live in Stansted, a bit bigger than Deddington, but I love the idea of a (web)site for here. If you have the ability to do this, please thank everyone we met (in Deddington) for making our stay such fun. Regards.

EDITOR'S REPLY

Last month we published a letter from Jo Mace expressing some concern about the proliferation of advertisements which, while useful, were possibly crowding out original, reader-generated articles. This is a concern that, rightly, surfaces every few years and needs an answer.

The DN is free because production costs are covered by advertisement revenue. Apart from the 'yellow pages' throughout the magazine, we carry advertisements patched into the editorial text. Both are needed to keep the DN afloat and we appreciate the confidence that local enterprises place in our circulation figures. I admit to newcomer over-enthusiasm last autumn which led to one 'ad-heavy' issue. But we do try to keep a balance and the 1997 Christmas DN contained 3 fewer paid advertisements than the 1996 Christmas issue. Half-page in-text advertisements disappeared some years ago. We only accept 1/4 or 1/6 page.

Jo Mace also interestingly raised the subject of what kind of articles are included in the DN. I've talked to past editors about this. The DN is primarily a news publication, there to "report and discuss all matters of interest and concern to the readers and encourage their participation" (from the DN Policy Statement 1993). We are not a literary magazine. Reports of all kinds pour through my letter box, more and more from special interest groups staking their claim to a monthly slot. This is

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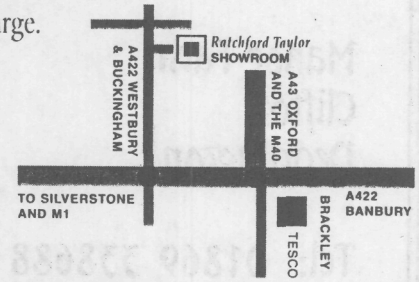

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EDITOR'S POSTBAG cont.

great. It reflects the vitality and involvement of the community. But it leaves little room for personal reflections. And I have no faith in any general editor's credentials for deciding which of 4 poems, say, merits inclusion in the tiny space left at the bottom of page 6.
I hope I haven't silenced all tentative contributors? We would love to have an occasional new article from a new contributor. Provided the subject matter was of interest to Deddington I'd move, if not heaven and earth, at least the odd piece of text, to fit it in. Thank you, Jo, for your letter.

P.S. Ironically the advertisers have deserted us this month - only 2 paid ads. Articles abound. Ed.

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Deddington OnLine We've had the first international response to our website. It was from David Brain in Perth, Australia (email: mackman@opera.iinet.net.au) He lived in Deddington until he was twenty and went to both the Primary and the Windmill Secondary Modern Schools; his mother, Elsie, lives in The Paddocks. The Internet has many uses - including keeping us in touch with ex-Deddingtonians! About 70 businesses/enterprises are now listed on the site. In the last issue of DN we announced that each entry could now have up to 25 words to describe their activity. Responses are only trickling in! Remember, it's free advertising. Please send your descriptions to Sylvie Spenceley, 26 The Daedings asap. There are also leaflets in the pubs for those who still want to be listed. CHARLES NEWEY 338282

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FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Deddington Town Hall was filled to capacity on Thursday, February 12. Yvonne MacDonald, Assistant Librarian for North Oxfordshire, talked to us about the current position regarding the County's libraries. £300,000 has been found to cushion some of the cuts - apparently as a result of pressure from groups like ours. As far as Deddington Library is concerned we now face: a weekly 2 hour cut in opening hours and fewer new books on the shelves.
Yvonne answered many questions and took away a number of points for further discussion with senior library officials, including the use of volunteer help and policy changes regarding donated items and money. Parishioners attending the meeting felt that the P.C. might consider covering the £800 needed during the coming year to keep the library open during the proposed 2 hour cut.
Rosemary Arnold thanked the village for their many book and tape donations, the first of which were put out for issue on February 16. Further donations are welcome !
A number of those attending the meeting volunteered their help to the FoDL. If you were unable to be there but would like to help we would be pleased to hear from you. GEOFF TODD 338532

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Diary cont.

Sat 28/ Sun 29	Art at The Holly Tree Studio ,1998 exhibition, Holly Tree, 10 am - 6 pm
Sat 28	Circus skills workshop for over 10,s, Windmill Centre, 10am - noon. ((p.14)
Sat 28	The Hunchback of Notre Dame by The Bash Street Co., Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. (p.14)
Sun 29	Restoration Appeal, Barry Pratt & Company, Mandolin Trio, Parish Church, 7.30 pm. (p.7)
APRIL DIARY	
Wed 1	Friendship Club: Easter Bonnets, Personal choice of reading/anecdotes, Windmill Centre,2,30 pm
Wed 1	Monday Morning Club: 'Bartholomew Fair', Swan Theatre, Stratford. (p. 10)
Wed 1	Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8pm - 10 pm.
Sat 4	Banbury Choral Society, Parish Church, 7.30 pm
Mo 6	Monday Morning Club, The Holly Tree, 10 am - noon.
Wed 8	Deddington Bowls Club Whist Drive, British Legion, 7.30 pm ((p.10))
Wed 15	Friendship Club, Beetle Drive, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Wed 15	Deddington Historical Society, Inaugural Meeting, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. (p.3)
Wed 15	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Sat 18	Church Restoration Appeal, Organ Recital by Alex Soddy, Congregational Church, 7.30 pm.
Tu 21	**COPY DATE FOR MAY DEDDINGTON NEWS.**
Sat 25	Church Restoration Appeal: Lace Day, Parish Church, 10 am - 4 pm. Visitors welcome.
Wed 29	Friendship Club: Countdown - Word Game, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.

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PANTOMIME POSTSCRIPT

Photographs of the cast of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' in Banbury Citizen (weekend Feb 21-22). Prints also available from Banbury Guardian Office @ £4 and £7.50 each.

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Occasionally DN readers report faultily compiled pages or the late arrival of their copy. We're sorry. I'm sure everyone realizes that we are all volunteers - nary a paid professional among us. We do our best to produce accurate copies and try to deliver your magazine as quickly as possible. Ed.

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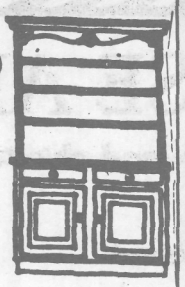

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